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1. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS REACTED TO SECRETARY VANCE'S
STATEMENT AT SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING
(REF A) IN SIMILAR BUT PERHAPS MORE EXTREME FASHION
THAN TURKISH MAINLAND PRESS (REF B). MARCH 12
INDEPENDENT BOZKURT HEADLINED ITS REPORT ON MONTREAU
TALKS AND VANCE STATEMENT: "AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S
TWO-FACEDNESS REVEALED: VANCE DOES NOT WANT CONGRESS

TO LIFT EMBARGO IMMEDIATELY." HIGHLIGHTED IN ALL ACCOUNTS IS ALLEGED ADMINISTRATION DUPLICITY IN PREVIOUSLY STATING LACK OF PROGRESS ON LIFTING EMBARGO AND PASSING DCA WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF CONGRESS AND NOT THE DESIRE OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

2. ALL THREE TURKISH CYPRIOT PAPERS HAVE EDITORIALIZED AGAINST SECRETARY VANCE'S STATEMENT. MARCH 12 ZAMAN (PUBLISHED BY DENKTASH'S SON) UNDER HEADLINE "CARTER'S MASK DROPS," STATED THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN PROVED THAT US LEADERS WERE NOT HONEST IN DEALING WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS. INDEPENDENT BOZKURT FEATURED SAME THEME MARCH 14, ACCUSING US OF "UGLY AMERICAN" POLICY AND OF ATTEMPTING TO "SABOTAGE" MONTEAU TALKS. OPPOSITION HALKIN SESI WROTE THAT US INTERFERED AGAIN AT A TIME WHEN THERE WERE NEW HOPES FOR A SETTLEMENT. THIS ACTION IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP.

3. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS, NOT PUBLISHED OVER THREE-DAY ORTHODOX CHURCH PRE-LENT HOLIDAY WEEKEND, CARRIED STRAIGHT NEWS ACCOUNTS OF ECEVIT PRESS CONFERENCE AND VANCE STATEMENT IN MARCH 14 EDITIONS. CRAWFORD

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